GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ASTRACT

Department of Tribal Welfare – Implementation of DA-JGUA scheme – "Digitization and support to FRA claim process, setting up of FRA Cells for formulation & implementation of CFR Management Plans" – Constitution of RoFR Cells at State level and Districts level with the fund support from the MoTA, Govt. of India under DA-JGUA Scheme – Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE (LTR)

G.O.RT.No. 58 **Dated: 15-04-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Operational guidelines issued by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) GoI under DA-JGUA scheme vide F.No.18015/28/2022-PVTG dated:30.10.2024.
2. Lr.Rc.No.SOW03-22021(32)/68/2024-L SEC-COTW-4 C.No. (2610953) Dt.18.11.2024 of the Secretary to Govt.(TW), AP, addressed to the Secretary, MoTA, GoI, New Delhi.
3. Minutes of the PAC Meeting, MoTA, GoI communicated vide F.No.23011/24/2024-FRA dated:13.02.2025.
4. Instructions of the Secretary, MoTA, GoI during the review meeting held at Tirupathi on 15.03.2025 in his recent visit to Andhra Pradesh.
5. E-office file Com.No.2763041/SOW03-22021(32)/12/2025-L SEC-COTW received from the Director of Tribal Welfare, AP.

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ORDER:

The Director of Tribal Welfare, AP has stated that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide reference 1st read above has communicated detailed operational guidelines under the scheme Dharti Aaba Janajatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA). The operational guidelines contain various intervention areas under the scheme by (17) Central Ministries including MoTA and one of the Multi sectoral intervention area under Ministry of Tribal Affairs is "Digitization and support to FRA claim process, setting up of FRA Cells including formulation & implementation of CFR Management Plans" under DA-JGUA.

2. In the Letter 2nd read above, the proposals for setting up of RoFR Cells at State Level and District level including digitization and capacity building in AP have been submitted to the MoTA, GoI. The Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) headed by the Secretary, MoTA has examined the same and approved the proposals of the Andhra Pradesh and communicated the same vide reference 3rd read above. Accordingly, the Director of Tribal Welfare, AP has submitted proposals vide e-office file 5th read above, to the Government for setting up of (1) State level cell at O/o the DTW, AP and (15) District level RoFR Cells.

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3. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, hereby order for setting up of one(1) State level cell at the O/o the Director of Tribal Welfare, AP and also Fifteen (15) District level RoFR Cells as detailed below, for a period of 2 years (2024-25 and 2025-26) with 100% Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) under the Scheme of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA JGUA) as follows:

Sl.No.	District Name	No.of Gram Panchayats having forest interface	No. of individual RoFR Farmers	Total Extent (In Acres)	Location(address) of the proposed District RoFR Cell
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	426	1,30,362	2,45,086	O/o PO, ITDA, Paderu
2	Anakapalli	62	4,215	8,670	O/o DSTW&EO, Anakapalli
3	Ananthapuramu & Sri Sathya Sai	8	613	1,772	O/o DSTW&EO, Ananthapuram
4	Chittoor &Annamayya	5	77	106	O/o DSTW&EO, Chittoor
5	Eluru	63	2,959	5,372	O/o PO, ITDA, K.R.Puram
6	Kakinada	18	2,371	4,562	O/o PO, ITDA, R.C Varam
7	Kurnool &Nandyal	24	1,033	2,512	O/o PO, ITDA, Srisailam
8	NTR & Krishna	13	532	745	O/o PO, ITDA, PA, Vijayawada
9	Palnadu	81	3,674	7,424	O/o DSTW&EO, Palnadu
10	Parvathipuram Manyam	212	54,925	1,00,604	O/o PO, ITDA, Parvathipuram
11	Prakasam	27	3,811	11,627	O/o DSTW&EO, Prakasam
12	Srikakulam	118	17,659	22,138	O/o PO, ITDA, Seethampeta
13	Tirupati	29	708	911	O/o DSTW&EO, Tirupathi
14	Vizianagaram	30	2,342	4,773	O/o DSTW&EO, Vizianagaram
15	Y.S.R & SPSR Nellore	8	378	418	O/o PO,ITDA, SPSR Nellore
Grand Total		**1,124**	**2,25,659**	**4,16,722**	

4. The Roles and responsibilities of the State level and District level FRA Cells which are having forest interface villages are as follows:-

I. Roles & responsibilities of District FRA Cells (as per indicative list of MoTA)

- Conduct baseline surveys of land vested under the FRA.
- Prioritize the integration of the FRA Atlas with the State and National FRA Portals, carry out ground truthing.
- Maintain records and documentation related to claims filed and titles recognized under the FRA and digitize legacy data in the State FRA portal.
- Keep segregated data on titles and types of rights, with section- wise details.
- Promote public awareness regarding the implementation of the Forest Rights Act and its associated rules.
- Facilitate special capacity-building programs for the FRA and provide a detailed report on these initiatives.
- Assist claimants and Gram Sabhas in obtaining necessary documents and evidence, including Gram Sabha resolutions, verification notices, and certificates. Inform forest rights claimants on how to apply for individual and community forest rights (CFRs) through the Forest Rights Committee.
- Support the timely settlement of claims by coordinating with the Sub-Divisional Level Committees (SDLCs) and District Level Committees (DLCs).
- Notify claimants of decisions made by the District Level Committee or Sub-Divisional Level Committee through written memoranda, including reasons for any rejections or partial rejections.
- Ensure that claimants submit appeals to the appropriate committee in cases of rejection and that decisions on these appeals are promptly taken.
- Regularly update government records with the latest rights information.
- Form the Constitution of the CFR Management Committee in accordance with the guidelines set by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) where ever applicable.
- Coordinate with the Gram Sabha, CFR Management Committee, and technical agencies for the preparation and execution of the CFR management plan, where ever applicable.
- Ensure that patta holders receive all relevant benefits, such as those from the PM Kisan Scheme and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA).
- Collaborate with district administrations and the District Level Convergence Committee to facilitate access to benefits and
- Enhance convergence.
- Address all matters related to the implementation of the FRA as directed by the State Tribal Welfare Department and the District Administration.

I. Apart from the above, the following aspects are also assigned to the RoFR Cells.

- As per the outcome Indicators relating to FRA (RoFR) patta holders under DA-JGUA Scheme the following aspects are to be monitored:

- 2 lakh FRA patta holders practicing sustainable agriculture through adapting natural farming methods - The data relating to the RoFR farmers who are adapting natural farming methods in the state of AP is to be gathered.
- No.of Tribal beneficiaries including FRA patta holders, adopting pisciculture and livestock activities – The details of RoFR farmers adopting pisciculture and livestock activities is to be gathered.
- Number of State, district and block officials participated in trainings and enhanced capacity regarding FRA/CFR/habitat rights – The capacity building program details are to be captured from time to time and data is to be maintained.
- Further one of the action points emerged from the review of Hon'ble CM regarding RoFR, land profiling of the land vested rights under RoFR and ensuring optimum utilization for livelihood promotion is to be monitored.

Further the following gaps in implementing the RoFR has also been identified.

- Out of (2807) forest interface villages, Gram Sabhas have been convened so far is (2173) villages and the status of the remaining villages is to be verified.
- In (2173) forest interface habitations where gram sabhs convened, FRCs constituted in (2024) villages and the status of the balance habitations is to be verified.
- The details of (1544) individual claims covering an extent of 39,104 acres are yet to upload in the Giribhoomi portal.
- The details of community claims are yet to upload in the Giribhoomi portal
- Integration of Giribhoomi portal details to Revenue Department Manabhoomi portal is to be ensured.

The data with regard to RoFR/FRA with the following stakeholders is to be integrated to the RoFR Digital Portal as single point MIS.

- Rythu Bharosa assistance provided to the RoFR farmers by Agriculture Dept.,
- 150 days wage employment provided under NREGA to RoFR farmers by Rural Development Department.
- Revenue records updation and adoption of mutation procedures by the respective Mandal Revenue Offices.

Though it is reported by the concerned District officers that there are no CFR proposals, this aspect need to be explored through capacity building and awareness generation on CFR/Habitat Rights with the support of local NGOs and other Civil Society Organisations as this is one of the priority area under DA-JGUA scheme.

5. In order to achieve the above aspects, the setting up of FRA Cells at state level one (1) and District level fifteen (15) is proposed with the above mentioned roles and responsibilities for the period ending 2025-26 with 100% Grants-in-aid support from MoTA, GoI under DA-JGUA, with the following staff:-

Sl. No.	Position	Eligibility parameters	Method of appointment
1	State Level: Program Coordinator (FRA)(1)	i. Must possess Masters in Social work/sociology ii. Bachelors in Law is preferable iii. Must have experience of a minimum (5) years in State level supervisory position. iv. In Govt. Sector Working experience in implementing the RoFR Act is preferable. v. Must have good drafting and documentation skills vi. Must have good coordination and monitoring skills vii. Must well versed with the Govt. business correspondence and norms. viii. Experience in coordination with MoTA and line departments is preferable.	As the period is one year, the personnel fulfilling the eligibility criteria may be taken on specific task contract basis by notifying in APTRIBES website and selection through interview process. (The remuneration will be met from 100% GIA provided by MoTA under DA-JGUA)
2.	IT Expert/MIS Asst.(1)	i. Must have possess Master's in Computers applications. ii. Must have a minimum (5) years working experience in managing MIS in Govt. sector iii. Working experience in TWD is preferable	From open competition by calling applications by notifying in APTRIBES website.
3.	District level Coordinators (FRA) (15)	i. Must possess Bachelor's degree ii. Must have working experience in Revenue/Survey/Forest sectors a minimum (10) years iii. Working experience in RoFR implementation a minimum (3) years desirable. iv. IT knowledge and working experience is preferable.	The POs of ITDAs in ITDA Districts and the District Collectors in Non-ITDA District are authorised to appoint the suitable candidates who fulfils the eligibility criteria on contract basis for a period of one year only.
4.	MIS Asst/Asst.(FRA) (15)	i. Must possess Bachelors/Diploma in Computer Applications. ii. Must have working experience of Minimum (3) years in Managing MIS iii. Working experience in Govt. sector is desirable. iv. Preference will be given to the candidates who have worked previously with TWD in Data processing and data entry.	By open competition by calling applications from the eligible candidates by notifying in AP Tribes website.

a. For the positions at Sl.No.1, 2 & 4 above, to be taken centrally, by the Selection Committee comprising the following members to shortlist the eligible candidates and submit the proposals for approval.

(1) Senior officer from Department of Tribal Welfare.
(2) Representative from APTS/ITE&C Dept.
(3) Any other officer as nominated by DTW.

b. For the position at Sl.No.3, the respective District Collectors/Project Officers of ITDAs with the representatives from Revenue, Forest department officers may take up the selection of the suitable candidates.

6. The expenditure towards meeting the Human Resources and Digital IT Portal etc shall be as per approval of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC), held on 15.01.2025.

7. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.M. NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh.
All the District Collectors.
All the Project Officers, ITDAs.
Copy to:
The Secretary, MOTA (PVTG Division), Govt., of India.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Welfare and Tribal Welfare.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., (FAC).
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